# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SPACE
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CREATION OF HINDI POSTS
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**Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a number of Hindi Posts have not been created in the Department of Space and its Centres/Units, majority of which are located in B and C regions, in accordance with the norms laid down in the Department of Official Language's OM dated 22nd July, 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to sort out the matter and rationalize the number of posts;

(d) whether the officers in the area of official language implementation are discriminated against their counterparts in other areas of administration not only in respect of pay scale but also in the view point of number of years required for eligibility to the next higher grade; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to resolve this anomaly?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) , (c), In 1997, few Hindi posts were created/upgraded in the Department of

(d) & (e) Space based on the recommendations of a Committee. While the scales of pay for Hindi posts in the Department are similar to the Department of Official Language (DOL pattern), the residency period prescribed for certain posts of Hindi Officers are slightly at variance due to administrative reasons. A Committee has been constituted to look into the entire issue relating to creation of Hindi posts based on Department of Official Language's OM dated 22.07.2004, including the norms for direct recruitment and promotion.